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SUBJECT:KIEV CONSULATE GENERAL REAL ESTATE

REF: MOSCOW'S A-470

1. ON DECEMBER 30, EUR/SOV (GARRISON) HANDED SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELOR MYSHKOV AIDE-MEMOIRE REQUESTING REAL ESTATE FOR KIEV CONSULATE GENERAL CONSISTING OF 4160 NET USABLE SQUARE METER OFFICE BUILDING, 400 SQUARE METER CONSUL GENERAL RESIDENCE, FIVE SEPARATELY LOCATED APARTMENTS, AND DACHA. DETAILS OF REQUEST INCLUDED ELECTRICAL POWER REQUIREMENTS, FLOOR LOADINGS, CEILING HEIGHTS, GARAGE, AUDITORIUM, AND COURTYARD. TEXT HAS BEEN POUCHED.

2. MYSHKOV DID NOT COMMENT, EXCEPT FOR REMARK THAT COURTYARD AND GARAGE ASPECTS OF REQUEST MIGHT BE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS FOR KIEV CITY AUTHORITIES. HE SAID THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE ALREADY BEEN LOOKING AT PROSPECTIVE NEW YORK SITES AND ASSERTED THAT THEY WILL NEED TO ACT QUICKLY ONCE THEY DECIDE ON A PARTICULAR
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PROPERTY, SINCE IT MIGHT DISAPPEAR FROM THE MARKET

BEFORE THEY ACT. MYSHKOV IMPLIED THAT SOVIETS MAY BE READY TO CLINCH SOME SORT OF DEAL ON NEW YORK

BUILDING AND ASKED IF DEPARTMENT APPROVAL OF BUILDING CHOICE COULD BE OBTAINED ON SHORT NOTICE IF NECESSARY. GARRISON REPLIED THAT SOVIETS ARE IN RELATIVELY ADVANTAGEOUS POSITION ON CONSULAR REAL ESTATE COMPARED TO USG AND THAT WE WOULD AWAIT SOVIET OFFERS IN KIEV WITH INTENSE INTEREST. HE URGED MYSHKOV TO INFORM DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER NEW YORK BUILDING SELECTED, AND INDICATED WE WOULD BEGIN CONSIDERING THE MATTER AT ONCE AT THAT TIME.

3. ON CONSULAR DISTRICTS, MYSHKOV SAID THAT HE HAD NO RESPONSE FROM MOSCOW ON US AND SOVIET PROPOSALS, BUT WAS HOPEFUL THAT VORONTSOV WOULD BRING SOME WORD WITH HIM WHEN HE RETURNS FROM HIS LEAVE AND CONSULTATION.

4. EMBASSY MAY WISH, AFTER CONSULTING WITH MFA, TO SEND TWO OR THREE OFFICERS TO KIEV IN NEAR FUTURE TO CALL ON LOCAL OFFICIALS AND MAKE PRELIMINARY SURVEY OF CITY, EVEN THOUGH AUTHORITIES MAY NOT YET BE ABLE TO OFFER PROPERTIES. IF FEASIBLE, CALLS ON CONSULATES OF OTHER COUNTRIES IN KIEV MIGHT ALSO PROVE USEFUL.

5. TOPICS FOR INVESTIGATION AND DISCUSSION SHOULD INCLUDE:

A. DESIRABLE AREAS FOR CONSULATE GENERAL BUILDING, APARTMENTS, CG RESIDENCE AND DACHA;

B. COSTS OF RENTING LEASED PROPERTY;

C. PROBABLE HOTEL CHARGES FOR ADVANCE PARTY AND DESIRABLE HOTELS FOR LONG-TERM RESIDENCE;

D. RELATIONS WITH UKRAINIAN MFA, UNION REPUBLIC, AND CITY OFFICIALS;

E. REPRESENTATIVE COSTS OF TRAVEL BY AIR AND
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RAIL WITHIN PROPOSED CONSULAR DISTRICT AND TO MOSCOW;

F. LOCAL AVAILABILITY OF FOOD AND SUPPLIES COMPARED TO CONDITIONS IN MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD: IS THERE FACILITY FOR CONSULATES SIMILAR TO LENINGRAD ORDER STORE?

G. MAIL, TELEX, AND SHIPPING SERVICES PROVIDED

OTHER CONSULATES BY LOCAL AGENCIES.

H. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL CONNECTIONS TO WESTERN

EUROPE AND EE COUNTRIES;

I. POSSIBILITY OF FREIGHT SHIPMENTS VIA VIENNA
OR HELSINKI AND COSTS OF ALTERNATE ROUTINGS;

J. AVAILABILITY AND RELATIVE COMPETENCE OF LOCAL
EMPLOYEES. KISSINGER

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